

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2012**

Freeholder Director Acton opened the meeting at 4:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call showed present-Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Timberman, and Director Acton. Freeholders Laury and Bobbitt joined the meeting at 4:09 and 4:13.

Director Acton introduced Steven Bach who gave a presentation updating the Freeholders on the progress of the Fifth Street Plaza. He noted the initial budget at \$3,650,000 and that the contract was awarded to Ray Angellini Construction. The project was initially delayed until the weather broke in February with the date to completion set for August 13, 2012. This completion date has now been adjusted to November 23, 2012 because of a number of factors. The main delay was the discovery that the roof structure was weaker than anticipated which required all work to cease until it was repaired. There was also a change in code officials from the local level to the State level within the Department of Community Affairs. There have been other structural deficiencies as well.

There have been change orders processed both increasing certain line items, and decreasing others. At this time over all the entire project is on budget, assuming that there are very limited additional change orders.

Deputy Director Laury motioned to go into closed session at 4:24 PM under the guidelines of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussion of Litigation: Wolf vs. Salem County and Cobb vs. Salem County, and to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage  
Clerk of the Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES BORD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
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Present: Freeholders Acton, Laury, Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, and Timberman.  
Administrator Ford, COB Gage, Solicitor Levitsky, CFO Wright, defense Counsel Shanna McCann.

The Freeholders entered executive session at 4:25 pm by resolution, to discuss litigation on two cases, Wolf v Salem County, and Cobb v Salem County, and an item involving personnel and the Layoff plan.

Cobb v Salem County- the workman's compensation case was reviewed. A settlement has not been reached. Previously the Board had authorized a settlement figure for the left leg, which was accepted by opposing counsel, and an offer for the right leg with a section 20. Opposing counsel would not accept the section 20. After additional discussion it was decided to [REDACTED]

Administrator Ford discussed the layoff plan in detail and the steps that he has taken to insure that all employees are treated fairly and that employment counseling is made available to them through the One Stop Career Center.

Wolf v Salem County: Gage and Shanna McCann laid out the details of the Wolf case. At this time the County has [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The mediation hearing was discussed in detail. At the end of that hearing all agreed to present the case to the Freeholders with the [REDACTED]  
The pros and cons of the case were [REDACTED]

At 5:02 pm Freeholder Laury motioned to exit executive session and recess the meeting, second by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried 7/0.

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